GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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CBI NODAL AGENCY FOR ACTION
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI is the only empowered body to give suggestions to various ministries and undertakings under their control for taking action;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministries took no action against the corrupt and irresponsible officers despite suggestions of CBI for doing so;

(d) if so, the total number and names of officers against whom no action has been taken by the Ministries during the last three years though they were found guilty by the CBI;

(e) the reasons for not taking any action so far;

(f) the State-wise number of cases being investigated by the CBI till date;

(g) since when these cases are being investigated and the reasons for delay in finalizing the cases, State-wise; and

(h) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for early completion of investigation and filing of the cases in the courts?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTRY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. CBI is an investigation agency primarily concerned with investigation of corruption cases against public servants. Based on the findings of the investigations, the competent authority considers the facts and circumstances of each case and takes a decision on, granting sanction for prosecution or for initiation of regular departmental action against the concerned public servant.

(d) & (e): This information is not being centrally monitored.

(f): CBI do not maintain state wise data since many cases investigated by the CBI have interstate ramifications. However during the last 3 years i.e. 2002, 2003 and 2004 (upto 30.11.2004) CBI has registered 1159, 1068 and 1095 cases respectively.

(g) & (h): The cases are being investigated from the date of their registrations. While efforts are made at all levels and stages to expedite investigation and filing of charge sheets in court, investigation can be delayed inter alia for the following reasons:

- Delay in getting witnesses.

- Delay in getting documents.

- Investigations involving different states.

- Investigation involving foreign countries. Delay in issuance and execution of Letters of Rogatory and extradition cases.

- Delay due to extensive field investigation.

- Inter-locutory stays granted by the Courts on petitions filed by the accused.